# State and County Central Committees (Political Party Committees)

## November 4, 2008 Election Filing Schedule

Filing Deadline	Type of Statement	Period Covered <sup>1/</sup>	Method of Delivery <sup>2/</sup>
July 31, 2008	Semi-Annual	<sup>1/</sup> – 6/30/08	<ul><li>→ Personal Delivery</li><li>→ First Class Mail</li></ul>
Within 24 Hours	Independent Expenditure Report <sup>3/</sup>	8/6/08 – 11/4/08 (90-Day Election Cycle)	♦ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
October 6, 2008 <sup>4/</sup>	Pre-Election <sup>5/</sup>	7/1/08 – 9/30/08	<ul><li>→ Personal Delivery</li><li>→ First Class Mail</li></ul>
Within 48 Hours	Issue Advocacy Report <sup>6/</sup>	9/20/08 – 11/3/08	♦ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
October 23, 2008	Pre-Election <sup>5/</sup>	10/1/08 - 10/18/08	<ul><li>→ Personal Delivery</li><li>→ First Class Mail</li></ul>
Within 24 Hours	Late Contributions <sup>7/</sup> And Late Independent Expenditures	10/19/08 - 11/3/08	<ul> <li>→ Personal Delivery</li> <li>→ Guaranteed Overnight Service</li> <li>→ Fax</li> </ul>
February 2, 2009 <sup>4/</sup>	Semi-Annual	10/19/08 - 12/31/08	<ul><li>♦ Personal Delivery</li><li>♦ First Class Mail</li></ul>

## **State Ballot Measure Expenditures**

Within 10 Business \$5,000 496/497 Days Report <sup>8/</sup>	1/ - date of expenditure	♦ Online or Electronically with Secretary of State
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### **Footnotes:**

- Period Covered: The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- <sup>2/</sup> Electronic Filers: Committees must file electronically with the Secretary of State if, since January 1, 2000, they receive contributions or make expenditures totaling \$50,000 or more. For more information, visit the Secretary of State's web site at <a href="https://www.sos.ca.gov">www.sos.ca.gov</a>. Paper filings are also required, except as described in footnotes 3, 6 and 8.
- <sup>3/</sup> 90-Day Election Cycle Reports: Electronic filers must file Form 496 if an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more is made during the 90-day election cycle to support or oppose a state candidate or state ballot measure being voted on in the election. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers.

- Extended Deadlines: Because the October 5 deadline falls on Sunday, and the January 31, 2009, filing deadline falls on Saturday, these filing deadlines are extended to October 6, 2008, and February 2, 2009, respectively.
- Fre-Election Statements/Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports: File Form 450 or 460 on October 6 and October 23 if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are received or contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more are made during the period covered by the statement.
  - Also file Form 465 if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made in connection with a candidate or a ballot measure being voted on in the election, during the corresponding periods. Refer to Q&A's for additional information.
- Issue Advocacy Reports: File Form E-530 if a payment or promise of payment of \$50,000 or more is

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- made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted on in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy is required and no copies are required to be filed with local filing officers.
- Late Contributions: The term "late contribution" includes contributions totaling \$1,000 or more made by, made to, or received by, a state or county central committee during the 16-day period prior to any state election. Paper copies of all late contribution reports (Form 497) are required, including late contribution reports that are also required to be filed electronically. (See footnote 2.)
- State Ballot Measure Expenditures: Electronic filers must file Form 496 or 497 each time they make contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more to support or oppose a single state ballot measure. No paper copies are required and no copies are required to be filed with other filing officers. Independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made within 90 days before a state election are required to be reported within 24 hours. (See footnote 3.)

#### Additional Notes:

- Late Statements: Except for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, there is no provision in the law for extending a filing deadline. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- All statements are public documents.
- **Paid Spokesperson:** File Form 511within 10 days if an expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more is made to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure.

As of the date of this publication (10/07), the FPPC Campaign Disclosure Manual C (1995/1996) and the 2007 Campaign Manual Addendum contain the most recent information on campaign disclosure requirements for general purpose recipient committees. Be sure to check the FPPC web site (www.fppc.ca.gov) for updated information.

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